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- (2) The method according to (1), wherein the nucleic acid-immobilized substrate is a substrate carrying a compound having a carbodiimide group.
- (3) The method according to (1) or (2), wherein the nucleic acid-immobilized substrate is a DNA microarray.
- (4) The method according to any one of (1) to (3), wherein the substrate has a plate-like shape.

The paragraph beginning at page 16, second line from the bottom has been amended as follows:

The method for collecting nucleic acid of the present invention comprises a step of bringing a sample nucleic acid solution into contact with the aforementioned nucleic acid-immobilized substrate to allow hybridization of two or more kinds of the single-stranded nucleic acids carried by the nucleic acid-immobilized substrate and single-stranded nucleic acids complementary thereto, and a step of collecting the hybridized single-stranded nucleic acids separately according to immobilized portions of the immobilized nucleic acid, without disassembling the nucleic acid-immobilized substrate.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 25 as follows:

As the method for collecting hybridized single-stranded nucleic acids, various known methods can be used so long as each of the hybridized single-stranded nucleic acids can be separately collected according to immobilized portions of the immobilized nucleic acids without disassembling the nucleic acid immobilized substrate. For example, the following methods can be used.

1. Rubbing off only a portion on which the nucleic acids are immobilized, of the nucleic acid-immobilized substrate with a tip of micropipette or the like after the hybridization.
2. Shaving off a portion (dot) on which nucleic acids are immobilized together with a portion of the substrate by using a spotter having a pinpoint deformed into a shovel shape.
3. Filling a pin of a spotter or a capillary pipet with a DNA-denaturing agent such as an alkali solution, and bringing a tip of the pin or the capillary pipet into contact with dots on the nucleic acid-immobilized substrate in which nucleic acids desired to be collected are hybridized to denature the nucleic acids and transfer the nucleic acids into the pin or the capillary pipet. The nucleic acids can be collected by immersing the pin or the capillary pipet into another solution, or physically transferring the nucleic acids in the pin or the capillary pipet into another container.